

REMARKS

Applicants elect group 1 without traverse. In the presently claimed invention, patentability is based on the newly discovered association of a change in GST levels in response to an environmental toxin with the level of susceptibility of a subject to environmental toxins and Parkinson's disease. As such, the present requirement for an election of species is not relevant to the invention. However, to be compliant with the restriction requirement, Applicants elect an assay for determining the amount of mRNA as the species and SEQ ID NOS 7-9 as the set of primers. If a single primer set is required, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO 7.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

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